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The Cold War

(1945-1991)

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Timothy J. Lynch, editor in chief
Dr. Timothy J. Lynch is Senior Lecturer in American Politics at the University of Melbourne. He is the author of two books, *Turf War: The Clinton Administration and Northern Ireland* (Ashgate, 2004), and, with Robert Singh, *After Bush: The Case for Continuity in American Foreign Policy* (CUP, 2008, a winner of the 2009 Richard E. Nisbet Award).

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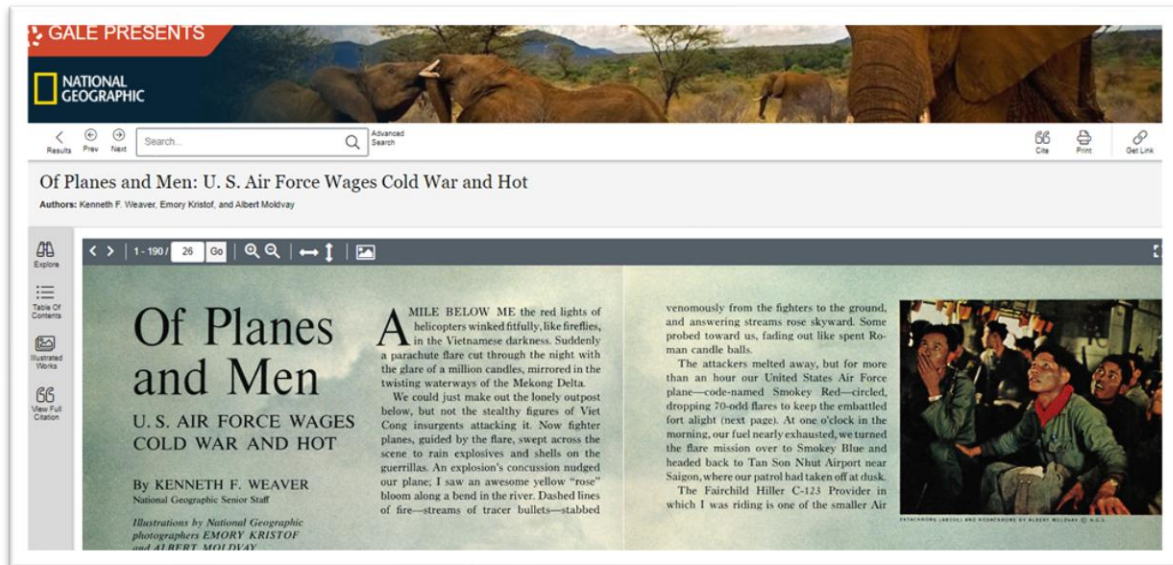
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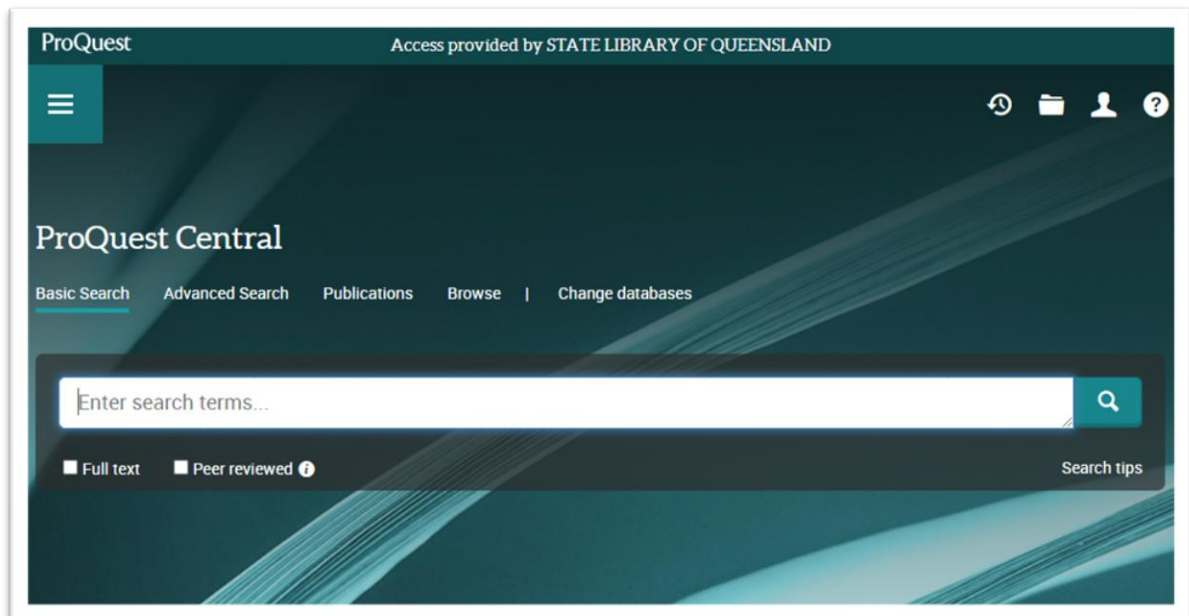
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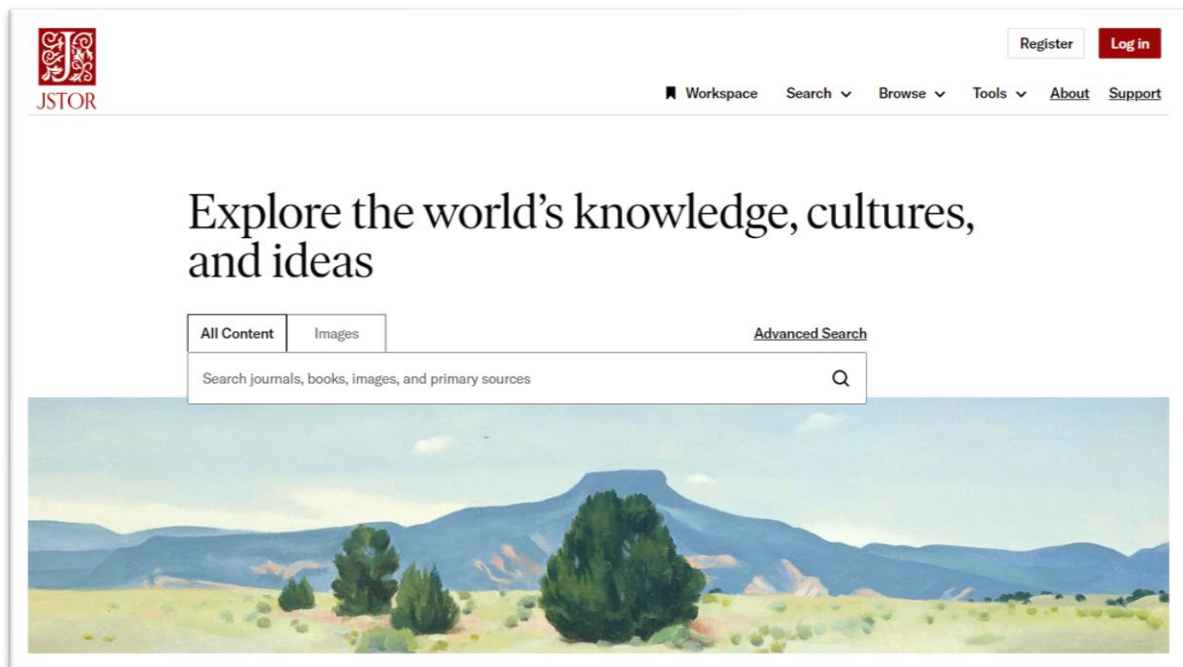


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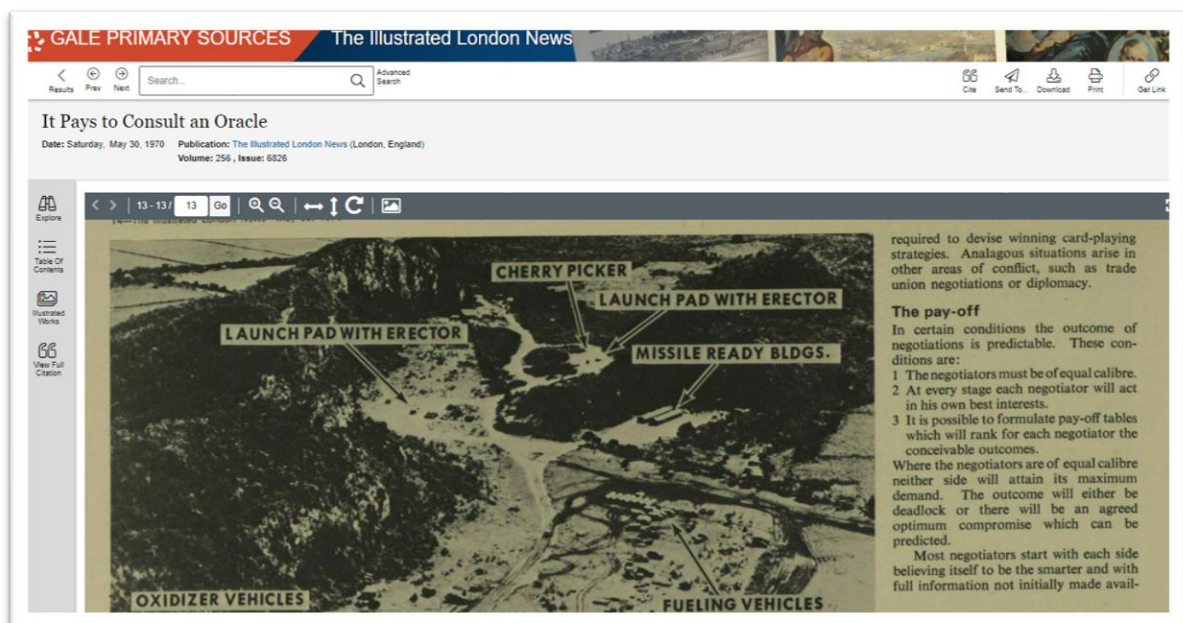


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I climb the Wall as mass exodus begins

From FRANK WALKER in Berlin



I AM sitting on the Berlin Wall, my feet dangling in the East Zone. Just hours ago, this would have been unthinkable.

I would have been arrested, perhaps even shot by East German guards, the same guards now standing on the ground in front of me smiling up at the thou-

with the guards below. Someone brought drums and the crowd clapped along together.

Getting up on the Wall wasn't so dramatic. Just a leg-up, a scramble and I was there. At the Brandenburg Gate, the Wall is almost three metres wide.

Almost 100 people have died trying to cross the Wall since 1961.

Behind me two Ger-



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